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VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HOME DEPOT AND HEARTSHARE TO BUILD NEW KaBOOM! PLAYGROUND IN JUST ONE DAY

-- Project Part of National Initiative to Build or Refurbish 1,000 Playspaces in 1,000 Days --

WHAT: Volunteers from The Home Depot and HeartShare Human Services of New York are joining forces to build a state-of-the-art new KaBOOM! playground in just one day at HeartShare's Cuomo First Step Early Childhood Center. The playground's design is based on drawings by children from the First Step Center who attended a Design Day in May.

HeartShare's Cuomo First Step Early Childhood Center offers high-quality, innovative programs for children from birth to age 5 with developmental delays or disabilities. This program provides educational services, speech/language, physical and occupational therapies, music therapy, recreational activities, parent education and support, and more to 180 children with developmental disabilities, including autism, mental retardation, Down's Syndrome, behavior disorders, speech and language disorders, and special medical conditions. The Cuomo Center helps children build a strong foundation for their futures.

In addition to providing funding for the project, more than 150 associates from **XX** local The Home Depot stores will spend their day off helping volunteers from HeartShare build the brightly-colored playground in just one day.

WHO: 150 Team Depot volunteers
65 community volunteers

WHERE: HeartShare's Matilda Raffa Cuomo First Step Early Childhood Center
115-15 101st Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

WHEN: Thursday, June 28, 2007
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers build playground
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Best viewing of near complete project
2:00 p.m. Board-cutting ceremony to open the new playground

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BACKGROUND: KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Over the past decade, KaBOOM! has used its innovative community-build model to bring together business and community interests to construct nearly 1,000 new playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields and ice rinks across North America. KaBOOM! also offers a variety of resources, including a Web portal and online community, trainings, grants and publications for communities that wish to plan a new playspace on their own.

This project is part of The Home Depot's \$25 million commitment to KaBOOM! to create and refurbish 1,000 playspaces in 1,000 days. As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for playspace projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its stores serve. By the end of 2006, The Home Depot and KaBOOM! will have built more than 500 new playgrounds, ice rinks and sports fields.

As the world's largest home improvement retailer, The Home Depot embraces its role as a leader in social responsibility and celebrates its long-standing commitment to volunteerism. The Home Depot's associate volunteer program, Team Depot, was formalized in 1992 as a way to support the communities where the associates live, work and play.

Celebrating its 93rd year, HeartShare is a nonprofit organization that assists more than 17,000 New Yorkers. Its wide spectrum of services provides counseling, after-school programs and assistance with foster care and adoption to children and families, supports people affected by HIV/AIDS, and administers energy assistance programs. It also helps individuals with developmental disabilities through numerous programs including education services, adult day programs, residential services, case management, recreation programs, family support services, and health services.

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